

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Kunihiro Ohta et al.

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For: THE METHOD OF INDUCING  
HOMOLOGOUS RECOMBINATION OF  
SOMATIC CELL

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Examiner: N. S. Vogel

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

A response to the non-final Office Action dated January 25, 2008 was filed on April 25, 2008. A response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 6, 2008 that required underlining of text added to claim 5 was filed on August 12, 2008. A Subsequent Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was issued on December 1, 2008 that now requires amendment of the status identifier for withdrawn claim 14 that has been amended in the April 25, 2008 Response. Please consider the following amendments and reasons, which corrects the deficiency set forth in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. The time set for this Response is January 1, 2009.

It is believed that no fees are required for this submission. However, should it be found that any additional fee is required or that refund owed for this application, the Director is hereby

authorized and requested to credit any overpayment and/or charge any additional fees during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.